

HOUSE BILL 2145

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AN ACT to amend Chapter 49 of the Private Acts of 1999, as amended by Chapter 31 of the Private Acts of 2007, and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to relative to the board of trustees of Cookeville Regional Medical Center Authority.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 49 of the Private Acts of 1999, as amended by Chapter 31 of the Private Acts of 2007, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 4 and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 4. Subject to Sections 5 and 11, and other provisions relative to removal from office, the term of office for members of the Board of Trustees shall be for seven (7) years, and no member shall serve more than one (1) full term without a three (3) year break. One (1) trustee shall be a member of the active medical staff of Cookeville Regional Medical Center who will serve a seven (7) year term, one (1) trustee shall be the person who is holding the office of Mayor of the City of Cookeville, or the mayor's designee from the city council, who shall serve during the mayor's term of office, and one (1) trustee shall be the person holding the position of Chief of Staff of Cookeville Regional Medical Center, who shall serve during the chief of staff's term of office. The terms of office of all members of the Board of Trustees of Cookeville Regional Medical Center, except the Mayor of the City of Cookeville and the hospital Chief of Staff, shall expire on July 31 of the year in which their term of office ends, and each new trustee shall take office on August 1 after the election for trustees. The membership of the Board of Trustees of Cookeville Regional Medical Center shall at no time include more than three (3) physicians, and no more than four (4) licensed health care providers. If a

physician or a licensed health care provider is elected mayor of the City of Cookeville, and the membership of the Board of Trustees already includes three (3) physicians or four (4) licensed health care providers, the mayor shall appoint another city councilman to serve as the mayor's designee.

SECTION 2. Chapter 49 of the Private Acts of 1999, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 13 and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 13. No member of the Board of Trustees shall sell merchandise or contract for services with the Cookeville Regional Medical Center Authority, or in any way engage in financial transactions with the said authority, directly or indirectly, except as provided herein. Nor shall an employee of the City of Cookeville, except as provided in sections 4 and 14 of this act, or an employee of the Cookeville Regional Medical Center be eligible to serve on the Board of Trustees of Cookeville Regional Medical Center Authority. Professional services agreements between Cookeville Regional Medical Center and members of its medical staff to provide medical director services or to provide medical services at Cookeville Regional Medical Center for patients served by the hospital shall not be considered to be contracts for services within the meaning of this section;

SECTION 3. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Cookeville City Council. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the Cookeville City Council and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 3.